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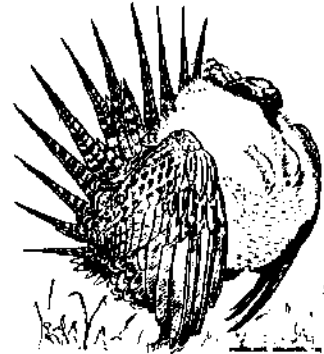
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STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF GAME

**A GUIDE TO THE BIRDS  
OF LINCOLN COUNTY**



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**Explanation of symbols used in this checklist:**

**Column A = Abundance**

L—locally abundant  
A—abundant  
C—common  
O—occasional  
U—uncommon  
R—rare  
I—introduced

**Column O = Seasonal Occurrence**

M—migrant  
R—resident  
SR—summer resident  
WR—winter resident  
WM—winter migrant

**Column N = The \* under column N indicates the species nests in Lincoln County.**

**Column L = Locations in Lincoln County where each species has been or can reasonably be expected to be seen. For rare species the date of a sighting is included in this column.**

Name	A	O	N	Location
Vesper sparrow	L	SR	*	Grasslands
Lark sparrow	L	SR	*	Open range during migration
		M		
Sage sparrow (Wash. records limited to giant sagebrush.	L	SR	*	Sagebrush flats
		M		
Dark-eyed junco	C	WM		Riparian brushy areas.
Tree sparrow	R	WM		Brushy areas
Chipping sparrow	C	SR	*	Open woods
		M		
Clay-colored spar.	R	M		Hypothetical
Brewer's sparrow	L	SR	*	Sagebrush habitat
White-crowned sparrow	C	M		Sagebrush habitat
Golden-crowned sparrow	R	M		Brushy areas
White-throated	R	M		Fall migrant
Fox sparrow	U	M		Deciduous thickets
Lincoln's sparrow	R	M		
Swamp sparrow	H			
Song sparrow	C	R	*	Brushy habitat near water
Lapland longspur	R	WM		

References to abundance, seasonal occurrence and location for viewing the birds mentioned on this checklist are from Hickman's field work in the county, reports from wildlife agents, biologists, and other Department of Game personnel and the following publications:

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Name	A	O	N	Location
<b>LOONS</b>				
Common loon	R	M		Keller Ferry
<b>GREBES</b>				
Red-necked	R	M		FDR Reservoir
Horned grebe	U	M	*	Audubon Lake
Eared grebe	U	M	*	Audubon Lake
Western grebe	U	M		FDR Reservoir
Pied-billed grebe	C	SR	*	Cattail marshes
White pelican				Sprague Lake
<b>HERONS</b>				
Great blue	C	SR	*	Any stream (at least one rookery at upper end Twin Lake)
Black-crowned	R	SR	*	Sprague Lake & upper end Twin Lake
American bittern	U	SR	*	Sprague, Mondovi Cattail marshes
<b>SWANS</b>				
Whistling	O	M		Audubon Lake
Trumpeter	I			A colony at Turnbull NWR, Spokane Co.
<b>GEESE</b>				
Honker (western)	C	SR	*	Duck Lake
Lesser	C	WR		Coffee Pot Lake
Cackling	O	WR		Coffee Pot Lake
White-fronted	U	M		Creston potholes
Snow	U	M		Creston potholes
Ross	R	M		Creston potholes
<b>DUCKS</b>				
Mallard	A	SR	*	Central Lincoln Co. potholes.
Gadwall	U	SR	*	"
Pintail	C	M	*	"
Green-winged Teal	C	SR	*	"
Blue-winged Teal	C	SR	*	"
Cinnamon Teal	C	SR	*	"
American widgeon	C	SR	*	"
European widgeon	R	M		Audubon Lake
Shoveler	C	SR	*	Central potholes
Wood duck	U	M		Sprague Lake
Redhead	C	SR	*	Central potholes
Ring-necked duck	U	SR		Central potholes
Canvasback	U	SR		Central potholes
Lesser scaup	C	M		Sprague Lake
Common goldeneye	C	M		Spokane River
Barrow's goldeneye	C	WM		FDR Reservoir
Bufflehead	C	M	*	Central potholes
White-winged Scoter	R	M		FDR Reservoir
Ruddy duck	C	SR	*	Audubon Lake
Hooded merganser	U	M		Sprague Lake

Name	A	O	N	Location
Common merganser	U	SR	*	FDR Reservoir
Red-breasted merganser	R	WM		FDR Reservoir
<b>RAPTORS</b>				
Turkey vulture	U	M		Sprague area
Goshawk	U	WM		
Sharp-shinned hawk	C	M		Riparian winter habitat
Cooper's hawk	U	R		Timbered area
Red-tailed hawk	C	SR	*	Entire county
Swainson's hawk	O	SR	*	Western part of county
American rough-leg	C	WR		South Creston
Ferruginous hawk	R	SR	*	Sylvan Lake area
Golden eagle	U	SR	*	Nests along FDR where Hwy. 231 crosses.
Bald eagle	U	WR		Spokane River
Marsh hawk	C	SR	*	Any grassland habitat
Osprey	O	SR	*	Two nests located on Spokane R. below Long Lake dam.
Gyr falcon	R	WM		Open country
Prairie falcon	R	SR	*	Crab Creek east of Odessa.
Peregrine falcon	R	WM		S.E. Creston Rd. & along Seven Spring Rd. (between Creston & Rocklyn)
Merlin	U	WM		Open areas
Kestrel (sparrow hawk)	C	SR	*	Grasslands
<b>GALLINACEOUS BIRDS</b>				
Blue grouse	U	R	*	Lillenthal Min. & northern breaks.
Ruffed grouse	U	R	*	Riparian shrub area
Columbian sharp-tailed grouse	L	R	*	Telford area
Sage grouse	L	R	*	Creston area
Valley quail	U	I	*	Riparian habitat
Ring-necked pheasant	C	I	*	Govan, Almira
Chukar partridge	U	I	*	Crab Creek near Lamona, Merlin
Gray partridge	C	I	*	Stubble fields & sage lands
Wild turkey	R	I	*	Indian Creek
<b>CRANES</b>				
Sandhill	O	M		Spring & fall staging — Rock Cr. so. of Edwall
<b>RAILS</b>				
Virginia rail	O	SR	*	Audubon Lake
Sora	U	SR	*	Cattail marshes
Coot (American)	C	SR	*	Audubon Lake

Name	A	O	N	Location
<b>PLOVERS</b>				
Kildeer	C	SR	*	Bluestem Creek
Semipalmated	O	M		
American golden	R	M		
Black-bellied	R	M		
Wilson's snipe	C	SR	*	Bluestem Creek
Ruddy turnstone	H			One seen Audubon Lk., Aug. 1960
Long-billed curlew	L	SR	*	East & so. of Sprague
Spotted sandpiper	C	SR	*	Most ponds & streams
Solitary sandpiper	R	M		
Greater yellowlegs	C	M		Audubon Lake
Lesser yellowlegs	C	M		Audubon Lake
Willet	H			Seen at Audubon Lk. Aug. 60 & 71
Knot	H			Seen in 73 & 78
Sanderling	H			Seen at Audubon Lk. in 1958
Least sandpiper	C	M		Audubon Lake
Semipalmated	R	M		Swanson's Lake
Western sandpiper	C	M		Audubon Lake
White-rumped sandpiper	H			Reardan, 1962
Pectoral sandpiper	R	M		
Long-billed dowitcher	U	M		
Buff-breasted sandpiper	H			Seen at Reardan, Audubon Lk. 1962
Marbled godwit	R	M		
American avocet	L	SR	*	Swanson Lakes
Black-necked stilt	H			Reardan 1962
<b>PHALAROPES</b>				
Red	H			Reardan 1962
Wilson's	C	SR	*	Potholes near Sprague
Northern	U	M		
Long-tailed jaeger	H			Reardan 1957
<b>GULLS</b>				
Herring	R	M		
California	R			Visitor
Ring-billed	C	SR	*	Sprague Lake
Franklin's gull	R	M		Reardan 1960
Bonaparte's	R	M		Sprague Lake
Forster's tern	R			Visitor
Black tern			*	Central potholes
<b>DOVES</b>				
Rock dove	C	R	*	Many barns
Mourning dove	C	SR	*	All over county
<b>OWLS</b>				
Screech	U	R	*	Young have been seen in Davenport & on Indian Cr.

Name	A	O	N	Location
Great-horned	C	R	*	Telford, Irby
Snowy	O	WM		Mondovi
Pygmy	O			Visitor
Burrowing	L	SR	*	Nests in Davenport area.
Long-eared	U	SR	*	Nests in WDG habitat plots near Davenport. This mobile species will concentrate nesting in areas of high rodent population — Davenport, 1979.
Short-eared				Timbered areas
Saw-whet	H			
<b>GOATSUCKERS</b>				
Common nighthawk	C	SR	*	Sagebrush areas
Poor-will	U	M		
<b>SWIFTS</b>				
Vaux's	O	M		
White-throated	U	M		
<b>HUMMERS</b>				
Black-chinned	R	SR		Timbered areas
Rufous	C	M		
Calliope	C	SR		Harte Road
<b>KINGFISHERS</b>				
Belted	C	SR	*	Hawk Creek
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>				
Common flicker	A	R	*	
Pileated	R			
Lewis'	L	SR	*	Telford, MIN Cr.
Yellow-bellied sapsucker	R			
Hairy	U	SR	*	
Downy	U	R	*	
White-headed	H			Lillenthal Mtn.
Black-backed, 3-toed	H			Lillenthal Mtn.
Northern, 3-toed	H			Lillenthal Mtn.
<b>FLYCATCHERS</b>				
Eastern kingbird	C	SR	*	Sprague Lake
Western kingbird	C	SR	*	Sprague Lake
Ash-throated	H		*	Crab Cr. near Odessa
Trail's				
Dusky				
Western			*	
Say's phoebe	U	SR	*	Hawk Creek
Western wood pewee			*	
Horned lark	C	R	*	Wheatfields
<b>SWALLOWS</b>				
Violet-green	C	M	*	
Tree		SR		
Tree	U	M		

Name	A	O	N	Location
Bank	L	SR		
Rough-winged	C	M		
		SR	*	
Barn	C	SR	*	
Cliff	C	SR	*	
<b>JAYS</b>				
Stellar's	L	R	*	Indian Creek
Black-billed magpie	C	R	*	Hawk Creek
Common raven	C	R		Creston
Crow	U	M		
Clark's nutcracker	O	R	*	Lilienthal
<b>CHICKADEES</b>				
Black-capped	L	WR		
Mountain	R	M		
Chestnut-backed	R	M		
<b>NUTHATCH</b>				
White-breasted				Expanding range
Red-breasted	C	R	*	Woods
Pygmy	C	R	*	P. pine forests
Brown creeper	U	R	*	Forests
Dipper	L	WR		Hawk Creek falls
<b>WRENS</b>				
House	L	R	*	Cottonwood Creek
Winter				Riparian habitat
Long-billed marsh	L	SR	*	Cattail marshes
Canon	L	SR	*	Sprague-Rocky Canyon
Rock	L	SR		Twin Lakes talus
Catbird	R	V		Riparian habitat
Sage thrasher	L	SR	*	Seven-Springs area & sagebrush habitat
<b>THRUSHES</b>				
American robin	C	M	*	
		SR		Common
Varied	U	WM		Creek bottoms
Hermit	H			Migrant
Swainson's	R	SR		Lilienthal Mtn.
Western bluebird	C	M		Millcreek
Mountain bluebird	C	SR		Mondovi
Townsend's solitaire	R	M		Crab Creek
<b>KINGLETS</b>				
Golden-crowned	U	WM		Brush areas
Ruby-crowned	U	WM		Brushy habitat
Water pipit	U	M		Open flats
Bohemian waxwing	C	W		Davenport
Cedar waxwing	U	M		
Northern	C	WR		Creston
Loggerhead	C	SR		Creston

Name	A	O	N	Location
<b>STARLINGS</b>				
Starling	C	M		
		R	*	Everywhere
<b>VIREOS</b>				
Solitary	C	M		Hawk Creek
Red-eyed	U	M		Lakes & marshes
Warbling	U	M		Wooded areas
<b>WOOD WARBLERS</b>				
Orange-crowned	U	M		Timbered areas
Nashville	U	M		
Yellow	C	M		
		SR	*	Crab Creek
Yellow-rumped	C	M		Wooded areas
Townsend's	U	M		Timbered areas
McGillivray's	U	M		Deciduous thickets
Common yellow-throat	L	SR		Brushy areas near water.
Yellow-breasted chat	L	SR	*	Riparian habitat
Wilson's				Willow thickets
<b>WEAVER FINCHES</b>				
House sparrow	C	R	*	Towns, grain elevators
<b>BLACKBIRDS</b>				
Bobolink	R	M		Grasslands
Western meadowlark	C	R	*	Most grasslands
Yellow-headed	L	SR	*	Audubon Lake
Red-winged	A	R	*	Hawk Creek
Northern oriole	U	SR	*	Indian Creek
Brewer's blackbird	A	SR	*	Reardan
Cowbird	L	SR	*	Agricultural areas
Western tanager	L	SR	*	Timbered areas
<b>FRINGILLIDAE</b>				
Black-headed grosbeak	L	M		Timbered area
Lazuli bunting	L	SR	*	Brushy areas
Evening grosbeak	L	WR		
Cassin's purple finch	L	SR	*	Conifer timbered area
Common house finch	C	SR	*	Nests near towns
Rosy finch	U	WM		Often seen in winter flocks in cattle feed lots.
Common redpoll	U	WM		Northern part
Pine siskin	R	M		Timbered areas
Goldfinch	C	SR	*	Lower elevations
Red crossbill	?			North part county — timbered areas.
White-winged crossbill	?			Timbered areas
Rufus-sided towhee	U	SR	*	Indian Creek
Savannah sparrow	C	M	*	Grasslands & sagebrush
		SR		
Grasshopper sparrow	L	SR	*	Open range country